



FOLLOW THE  
**DONKEY**

# KING SAUL?

**He sure did look the part**

**He did seem to lack a little confidence (v. 21)**

**He believed in a God but seemed to have a rather worldly view of how God worked**

**Interesting enough somewhere along the line in Israel it had become custom to pay for God's guidance and Saul bought into it**



# FOUND DONKEYS



**As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not worry about them; they have been found. (Lost for three days, not even going there)**

**So, Saul went looking for some lost donkeys, wandered around for three days and wound up king of Israel because he decided to pay a seer to find the donkeys**

**v. 20**

**How on earth did we get here?**



# THE ATTITUDE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals. They forsook the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them.*

**Judges 2:10-13**



# THE ATTITUDE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Moses and Joshua are dead**

**We are a generation removed from them**

**Israel for the most part has taken possession  
of the land, but battles and skirmishes  
continue**

**Israel begins an on again, off again  
relationship with God**



# THE NATION



**There was no centralized government so in times of crisis God raised up a judge to lead them or to deal with the enemy**

**Keep in mind the issue was a lack of the older teaching the younger: another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.**

***In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.***

***Judges 21:25***



# WE WANT A KING!



***So, all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.” But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.***

***1 Samuel 8:6***



# WE WANT A KING!



***And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day, I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”***

**v. 7-9**





# **COSTLY KING**



**Your sons will be forced to serve in his army**

**They will be made to make weapons for war and will have to work for the king**

**Your daughters will also be put to work for the benefit of the king**

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# **COSTLY KING**

**He will take your land**

**He will tax your wages**

**There will be personal property taxes**

**And the day will come you will tire of your king and cry out for relief**

**God said he will not answer that cry**



# LORDSHIP ISSUE



***But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”***

***1 Samuel 8:19-20***



# LORDSHIP ISSUE



**They were more interested in being led by a human than God himself**

**They were looking at the world and saying we want to be like them**

**We want a king to fight our battles for us**

**Without those lost stories of old they had forgotten that God had been doing that all along**



# LOST DONKEYS



**Like the lost donkeys they had become a lost people**

**They wanted to do things their way and they wanted a leader that would let them do it**

**Then in their eyes this leader would clean up the mess their action created**

**And God warn them the cost is high, and you can't have it both ways**



# PICK A KING!

***John 19:13-22***

The charge Jesus was officially crucified under was he claimed to be a king

However, when questioned, he never actually gave Pilate a straight answer (***John 18:33-37***)

Jesus answers Pilate's question with a question he wants to know Pilate's reasoning for thinking him a king



# KING JESUS?



**The Israelites of old wanted their own king**

**Pilate did not really believe Jesus to be his king**

***“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.***

***John 18:38***

**The Jews that read the sign did not accept him as their king**

**We know he is the ultimate king!  
(*Revelation 19:11-16*)**



A photograph of a brown and grey donkey standing in a field. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The donkey is facing left.

# Follow the **DONKEY**

Will you follow him  
as your king?